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MAIL STOP – AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on July 9, 2003 and the period set

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for response was three months, bringing the response due on October 9, 2003. A three-month extension of time will bring the response due on January 9, 2004.

A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$950.00 and any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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